White-Blue Dress with a Bolero







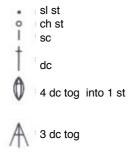
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<u>Materials</u>: Crochet Cotton (50g/180m), 200 g of blue for the bolero and 250 g of white and 50 g of blue for the dress.

Crochet hook 1.75.

<u>Size</u>: 5-6 year old. It is easy to adjust the size. Just use some shirt of dress of the desired size to calculate the adjustments.

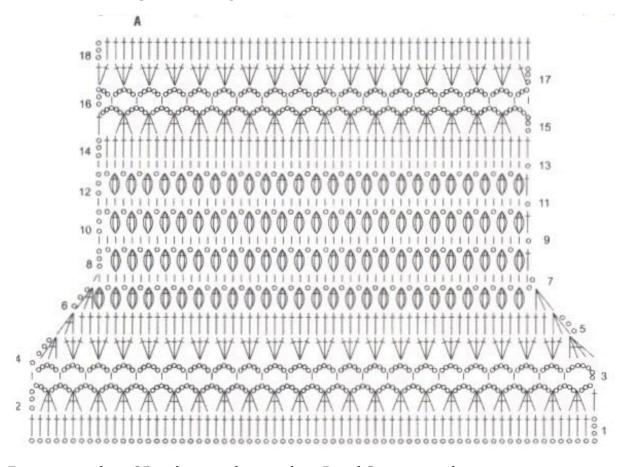
Chart symbols:



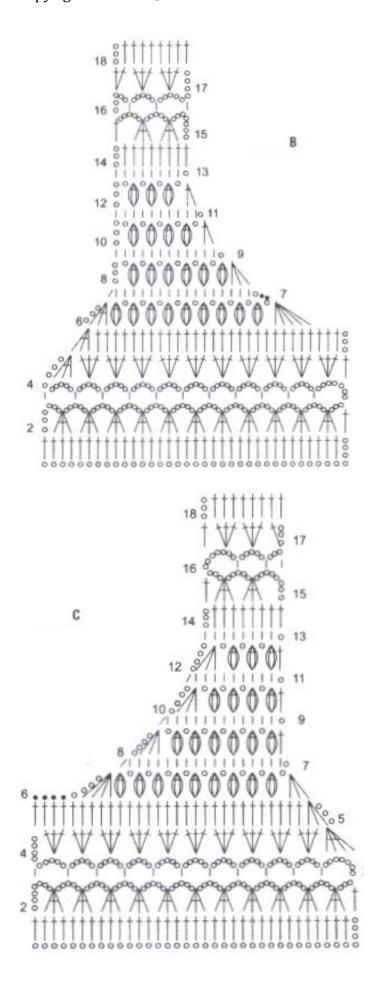
Bolero:

Use the charts to make the 2 front parts, the back and the 2 sleeves.

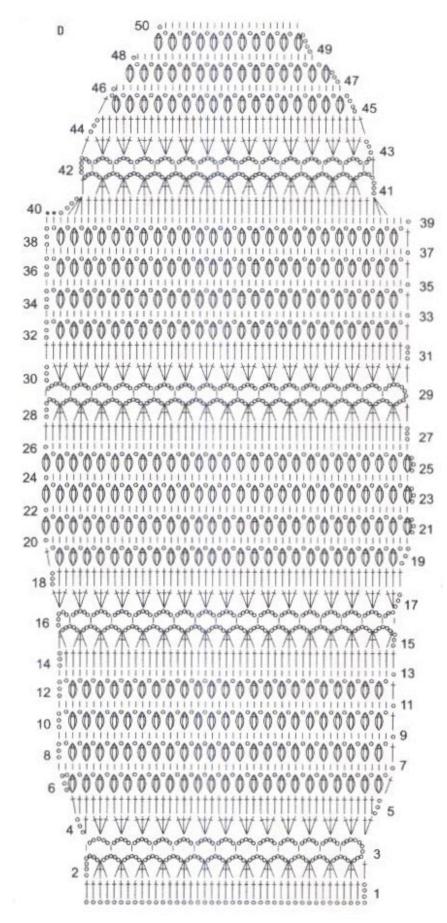
Back: chain 68 and proceed using chart A.



Front parts: chain 35 and proceed using chart B and C, respectively.



Sleeves (x2): chain 41 and proceed using chart D.



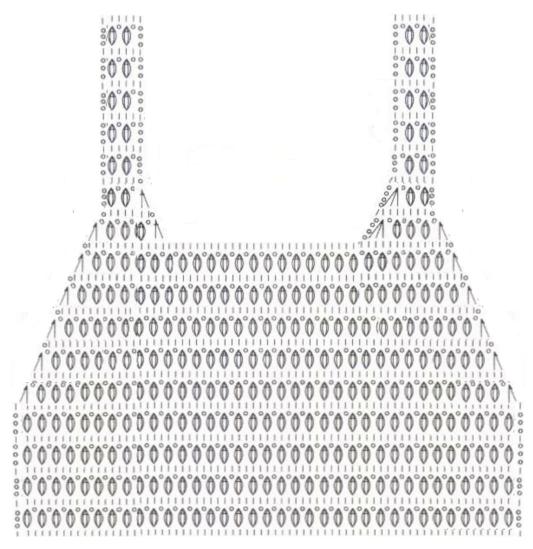
Finishing: join the parts. Add 2 rows of sc around the neckline. On the right inner edge in front, add the loop for the buttons as follows: sc, (ch 4, sc into next st) 4 times, sc. Stitch 4 buttons to the left edge.

Dress:

The top is worked bottom up, just like the bolero and using the main pattern of the bolero, with just 1 difference: instead of 4 dc tog into the same st only 3 dc. Use the below chart for the top. Make a small gauge before you start and check if the resulting width is ok. If not, simply divide the chart in the middle and insert the necessary number of stitches. This way, you do not need to adjust the decreases for the arms and neck.



The back is made similarly, using the next chart.



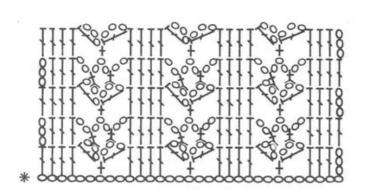
Stitch the front and the back together and continue working in rounds along the bottom edge.

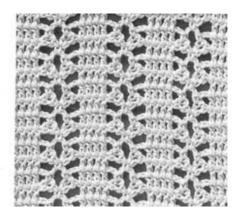
Make 1 row of tr dc, it will be the row where the ribbon is pulled through.

The next row of sc is done in blue color. The skirt pattern (next chart) is 9 st of length. Check if the total number of stitches is dividable by 9 without rest. If not, add the necessary number of stitches (distribute evenly) while working the next row of sc in blue.

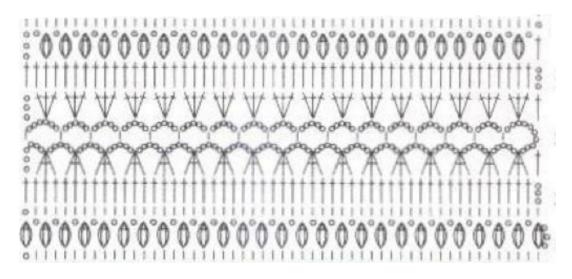
Proceed with the skirt (white color) using the below chart. Make sure to align its middle to the middle of the front for a symmetric view. The 2 rows of the pattern are to be repeated 10 times (or more if desired).

However, to get a slight widening of the skirt towards the bottom, switch to a larger hook size for the second half of the total length.

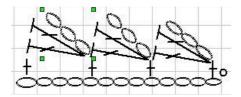




The remaining part of the skirt is done using the below fragment of the bolero pattern. It is worked in blue, except the second and the one but last rows are in white.



The edge of the skirt and the shoulder straps are adorned with a row (blue color) using this chart:



Work along the edges of the arm and the neck openings as follows: the above pattern along the shoulder straps and sc along the rest of the edge.

Pull blue ribbon through the waist line (see photo).